

City of JOLIET Illinois Newsletter

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(815) 724-4000

Complaint Line

(815) 724-4005

Water & Sewer Billing

(815) 724-3820

Building Dept./ Inspections

(815) 724-4070

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(815) 724-4220

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(815) 724-4200

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WINTER 2018

NEWS FROM THE CITY OF JOLIET, ILLINOIS

Big Changes Coming to City Recycling Programs in 2018

Weekly recycling is coming to Joliet residents on January 1, 2018! If you are used to looking out on garbage day to see if your neighbors have their recycling cart out, you can stop doing that. Just place your recycling cart out next to your garbage cart on your regular pickup day every week.

Remember, your carts must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on your garbage and recycling pickup day. Computers have been installed in the vehicles so that drivers have a record of whose garbage and recycling was not out on time and special trips will not be made to homes who do not have their items out in time.

Also, please remember to put your carts in the parkway and do not park in front of them. It is hazardous to place garbage carts in the street and it can block snow plows, emergency vehicles, and other vehicles. Once the carts are emptied, please remove them to either your garage, backyard or side of the house.

Starting January 1, 2018, the new electronics and household hazardous waste collection program called "At Your Door" begins. Residents can begin calling now to schedule a pickup. Information about who to call or email is below. Operators are available in both English and Spanish.

Electronics and household hazardous waste items should never be thrown in the garbage or recycling carts and should not be placed at the curb with the garbage. This pickup program, for which residents do not have to be home, allows you to place the items next to your front door on a scheduled pickup date.

These programs will not raise the price of municipal waste on resident's water and sewer bills. This is due to a new contract that went out for bid and that was awarded to Waste Management that allowed for more services without raising the price.

The current electronics recycling program which is a twice a month drop off program that is at 57 W. Marion St. in downtown Joliet from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the Second and Fourth Tuesdays of every month will overlap with this program for the first two months of 2018 and then it will cease. The electronics drop off program's last drop off day will be on February 27, 2018. Electronics drop off locations at other locations in Will County will remain open and a list of those can be found at willcountygreen.com.

Additionally, residents can call Waste Management and request a free garbage or recycling cart size exchange for either a 96- or a 64-gallon cart from January 1, 2018 through March 1, 2018. After that date, the regular fee to switch a cart size out is \$40 per cart. Remember, recycling collection services will be weekly so you may not need a larger recycling cart.

Please remember that if you have questions about your garbage, recycling, or yard waste you can go to the City of Joliet's website at cityofjoliet.info and scroll down the page to the Garbage and Recycling icon and click on that. Additionally, if you have other questions, you can call Waste Management at (815) 280-7854. Starting January 1, 2018 Waste Management's customer service hours will be 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. through 12 p.m. on Saturdays. Please keep Joliet clean and don't pollute.

Dates To Remember

January 1, 2018

WEEKLY RECYCLING STARTS FOR CITY OF JOLIET RESIDENTS

Please have your recyclables placed out for collection no later than 7 a.m. on your collection day. Please remember only put recyclables in your recycling cart. It is important that you do not place food, liquids and plastic bags of any kind in the recycling carts. Visit RecycleOftenRecycleRight.com for more information on recycling.

January 1, 2018

AT YOUR DOOR SPECIAL COLLECTION

City residents can have electronics such as computers, monitors, TVs, VCRs, and DVD players will be collected as part of the new At Your Door Special Collection program. In

addition to electronics, household hazardous wastes such as paint, oil, antifreeze, CFL bulbs, and batteries will also be collected.

This program is for residents who pay for municipal waste on their water and sewer bills. Residents with these items can schedule a pickup by calling (800) 449-7587, or by emailing atyourdoor@wm.com or going to WMATYOURDOOR.COM website. A special kit will be mailed to your home with instructions and a collection date.

January 8, 2018

CHRISTMAS TREE COMPOSTING

7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Joliet Public Works Department, 1203 Cedarwood Dr. Residents can bring their Christmas trees for composting weather permitting. These trees will be composted and will not go to a landfill. Trees do not need to be cut down and all ornaments, tinsel and lights must be

removed. If there is a large snow storm, this collection will take place at a later date due to lack of personnel to man the drop off.

January 31, 2018

CHRISTMAS TREE PICKUP

Last day to place live Christmas trees outside at the curb for garbage collection pickup. If your tree is taller than 5 feet, please cut it in half.

March 12, 2018

YARD WASTE SEASON STARTS

Yard waste collection begins early this year. Residents can place their refuse in kraft paper bags or in 32-gallon cans. Yard waste stickers must be affixed to 32-gallon cans and are available free of charge at City Hall and Joliet Jewel food stores. Please do not place refuse in containers marked with YARD WASTE ONLY stickers.

Program to Assist with Snow Removal This Winter

This program to assist with residential snow removal is for Joliet senior citizens age 65 and over and Joliet residents with disabilities.

The City is asking any local residents, church groups, or students needing community service hours to contact Reverend Adrian Heath at Redeemed Connection Ministries to sign up. Redeemed Connection Ministries will begin accepting requests for assistance from any Joliet senior citizen or Joliet citizen with disabilities who would like to participate this winter.

Anyone who is interested in assisting with the snow removal is encouraged to contact Reverend Heath at Rev.Heath1@gmail.com or (815) 582-0703.

Winter Salt Use for Residents

Road salt and driveway de-icers wash off paved surfaces and end up in our local waters. From your driveway or sidewalk, salt can readily flow to storm drains and into streams and lakes. Chlorides from salt are harmful to wildlife, plants, and aquatic organisms.

Here are ways to reduce the water quality impact of de-icer usage:

- Always shovel surfaces before applying salt or de-icer. Clearing surfaces of snow can prevent ice from forming later.
- Chip ice off pavement where possible, with care not to damage the pavement surface.
- Don't apply salt when it's 15° F or colder, as most salt stops working below 15° F.
- Use only as much salt as needed. A 12-ounce cup of salt is usually enough to clear a 20-foot driveway or 10 sidewalk squares.
- Be patient. Salt doesn't work immediately upon application; it needs time to work.
- Sweep up any residual excess salt for the next usage; don't let rain or snow melt wash it away.
- Consider spreading sand or kitty litter on slippery surfaces as an alternative.



Happy Holidays from the Mayor & Joliet City Council

The Mayor and City Council hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and are looking forward to a great New Year in 2018! Front Row (L-R) Councilwoman Bettye Gavin, Mayor Bob O'Dekirk, Councilwoman Jan Hallums Quillman. Back

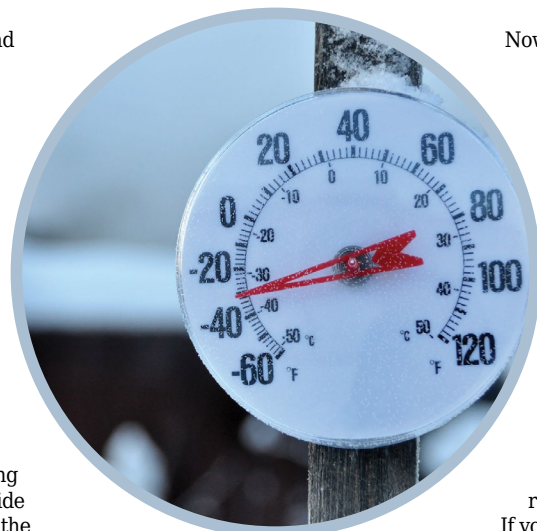
Row (L-R) Councilman Don "Duck" Dickinson, Councilman John Gerl, Councilman Larry Hug, Councilman Terry Morris, Councilman Mike Turk and Councilman Pat Mudron.

If you have any suggestions on what you would like to see included in our newsletter, contact Peggy Thomas, Communications Coordinator for the City Manager's office, at pthomas@jolietcity.org or call (815) 724-3730.

Preparation Tips For Cold Weather From the Public Utilities Department

Regularly clean gutters and downspouts. Make sure all drainage areas are unblocked by leaves and debris. Check sump pump discharge area to be sure water will not create icing issues on sidewalk or road.

Keep in mind that most frozen water pipes occur because of a broken window or other construction change inside the house. Pipes enclosed in outside walls are subject to freezing because the heat from inside the building cannot reach the pipe. Any pipes in an unheated crawl space or basement should be insulated and wrapped with heat trace wire.



Now is also a good time to make sure you have a good working shut off valve in case you need to shut water off in an emergency. Be sure to keep the area around the water meter warm to prevent frozen pipes, frozen meter, or other broken pipes. If water cannot be shut off inside the building, a new valve will need to be installed before restoring water service.

If you need to replace your valve please arrange the turn off at the curb stop with the Public Utilities Department at (815) 724-4220.

City of Joliet Winter Snow Event Guidelines

As the winter season is here and the possibility of winter snow storms increases, residents are reminded of the City of Joliet snow removal policies and actions for the 2017-2018 winter season.

Please take caution during any snow storm. If at all possible, please remain home while it is still snowing outside. During snow cleanup operations, the City of Joliet snow plows will inadvertently push snow on sidewalks at intersection corners. This is unavoidable and it is the responsibility of the adjacent residential/business owner to remove these snow berms from the corners of intersections.

Residents should remove their vehicles from the street until the city crews have had a chance to clear the streets. Roadways crews will not return to streets when parked cars are moved until the following day upon notification from the residents.

Streets

Street plowing operations are performed in the following order:

1. Major Arterial streets, hospital routes, hills, and bridges.
2. Subdivision main routes and collector streets.
3. All remaining subdivision streets.
4. Cul-de-sacs and dead ends.

Note: The City does NOT plow alleys.

Snow removal crews work long hours to keep the streets clear and safe. We ask for everyone's cooperation to help keep streets safe as well. Remember, snowplow trucks cannot stop or turn as readily as most vehicles.

Due to the cost of de-icing materials, it is Roadway Division's Policy to utilize salt on major

arterials and subdivision mains at intersections and mid blocks only and utilize a mixture of salt at the intersections only on the subdivision streets.

Therefore, it should not be expected that these streets would immediately be clear to pavement.

A mixture of sun and traffic is utilized to help with the de-icing process. Some snow is left on the street after plowing because allowances must be made for manhole lids and other above-pavement obstacles to avoid damaging snow plow blades.

When plowing is required, snow "berms" are created across driveways. The plow operators do not have control over the "snow berms" of snow coming off the edge of the blade. The Roadways Division tries to keep this problem to a minimum.

Chemicals used in Snow Fighting

The City of Joliet utilizes a mixture of rock salt and organic liquids containing sugar beet juice in the fight against snow accumulation and freezing on the roadways. This combination allows for the material to be effective down to a temperature of minus thirty degrees (-30) Fahrenheit.

In addition, this mixture is less corrosive to the streets, vehicles, and vegetation within the City of Joliet. Residents should expect to see a brownish residue on the streets as opposed to the white residue. As with the salt, this material is easily washed off vehicles.

The City of Joliet will be proactive in their snow fighting with the application of an anti-icing program where the streets are treated with a chemical composition to combat the onset of the accumulation of snow and ice and also prohibit the bond between the snow and ice and the pavement. This will allow for a quicker cleanup of the roadways, while also slowing down the snow/ice accumulation on the roadway.

This chemical composition to be used consists of salt brine, beet juice, and calcium chloride. Residents should expect to see this on the main routes throughout the City. As more equipment becomes available this treatment will be expanded to all the streets in the City of Joliet.

Snow Parking Ban

On-street parking is prohibited by City Ordinance 16900, Section 19-142, for any snowfall accumulations of 2 inches or more. Parked cars are an obstacle to the snow plows. In addition, plowing around parked cars leaves large areas of snow and ice on the roadway. Once the snow plow trucks have cleared the street by your home or business, you may move your vehicle back to the street.

Some older neighborhoods in Joliet do not have adequate off-street parking options. In those areas residents are encouraged to seek permission from neighbors who have off-street parking spaces and other parking options such as commercial or church parking lots that will allow streets to be clear of vehicles for all snow clearing efforts to be effective.

The Joliet Police Department will have the option of issuing a parking ticket to the owner of a vehicle left on a city street during a snow event as well as having the option of having the vehicle towed, or both. All towing and storage costs will be the responsibility of the vehicle owner.

During Snowfall Events

The City of Joliet Roadways Division will mobilize its crews when there is a measurable accumulation of snowfall or if the winter mix is causing a hazardous driving situation such as freezing rain.

The Roadways Division is responsible for over 593 Centerline Miles of roadway with a fleet of 39 snow plow trucks and a crew of 39 employees.

Joliet has a goal of clearing all streets within 24 hours after the snow stops falling. Heavier snows often take longer to clear. Due to the volume of streets to be cleared of snow and the staffing and equipment available, snow plows will not return to streets that had parked cars on them until after the entire snow removal process has been completed. This will be a day or two after the initial snow has been cleared.

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Shoveling Guidelines

The following are shoveling guidelines for City of Joliet residents and commercial property owners.

- Commercial property owners are responsible for plowing commercial parking lots, driveways, and public sidewalks adjoining their businesses.
- Residential property owners are responsible for shoveling or plowing public sidewalks adjoining their homes.
- Shoveling snow into the street is a city code violation.
- Shovel out fire hydrants that are in or around your property and around meters to aid utility meter readers.
- Clear sidewalks of snow for the safety of pedestrians and children walking to school.
- Uncover your mailbox and create a path for postal vehicles to pull up to mailboxes.
- Help your neighbors. For many residents, age or medical conditions make it difficult to shovel snow.

Mailboxes

The City of Joliet Roadways Division makes every effort to clear the roads from curb to curb where cars are not parked on the street. In many cases of wet snow, the snow or plow blade may damage/remove mailboxes that are set close to the street. This is unavoidable. Mailbox damage complaints will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis. If you have mailbox damage please call (815) 724-3651 and if you have sod damage, please call (815) 724-3652.

The City of Joliet will not reimburse for any mailbox damage on improperly located mailboxes. The standard and accepted mailbox placement should be 42 inches measured from the ground surface to the bottom of the mailbox. The mailbox should be located so the front of the box is no closer than 6 inches from the back of curb. Any questions regarding the placement of mailboxes should be directed to the Joliet Post Office at (815) 773-1089.



Update on Joliet's Urban Forest

2017 Was 3rd Year of 10-Year City Tree Growing Contract

With over 3,000 trees removed in 2017, mainly due to the effects of the Emerald Ash Borer, a tree replacement plan is in place to assure that the urban forest continues to provide the benefits of cleaner air and cooler streets for residents.

2017 was the third year of a ten-year city tree growing contract which provides for a diverse selection of young trees to be planted in parkways and public areas throughout the city.

If a resident feels adequate space is available and would like a tree planted in the parkway, please visit the city's website where you can find a request form for a new tree. Go to the City of Joliet website at cityofjoliet.info/departments/public-works/forestry/forms. Click on the form that says "Requesting a New Tree to be Planted". Forms can also be picked up at Joliet City Hall at 150 W. Jefferson St. in downtown Joliet.

For those who have received trees from the City of Joliet in the past few years please don't forget to water them. It is the residents' responsibility to water their

parkway tree. Check the soil a few inches down to see if it is dry. Pour three to four five-gallon buckets of water slowly near the base of the tree or use a slow trickle from the hose for 15-20 minutes.

Apply mulch if needed and mulch as far out as the branches reach, two to three inches deep. Do not pile mulch around the base of the tree.

TO PROTECT TREES IN WINTER:

- Always avoid late summer fertilization or pruning which might stimulate new growth.
- Use mulch to conserve soil moisture and insulate roots from cold temperatures. To prevent insect and disease damage to the tree, always form a circle of mulch spreading it away from the trunk rather than a mound or volcano covering the trunk. A moderate amount of mulch every few years is sufficient. The area where the trunk flares into the roots should be visible.
- Protect evergreens from wind and salt spray with burlap screens.
- Carefully remove heavy snow from branches of hardwoods before it freezes to the limbs. Removing ice encased on branches can cause additional damage. Instead, allow ice to melt off naturally.

Stump Removal Continues Throughout City of Joliet

Due to the continuing removal operations regarding the Emerald Ash Trees, there are many stumps throughout the City that will not be ground out until sometime in the future. The City of Joliet is asking for cooperation from the adjacent homeowners to maintain any growth that will begin to sprout from the existing stumps until the City has time to remove them. As the process of removing all of the Emerald Ash trees has been continuous for several years so may be the process of removing the stumps. The City thanks you in advance for your patience and help with these trees and stumps.

Winter Preparedness Kits

VEHICLE:

- Cell phone and charger
- Blankets/sleeping bag
- Flashlight and batteries
- First Aid Kit
- High calorie non-perishable food
- Extra clothing
- Windshield scraper
- Battery booster cable
- GPS or maps

WORK AND HOME:

- Battery powered NOAA weather radio
- Extra food and water

- Extra prescription medication
- First aid supplies
- Emergency heat source (wood stove, fireplace, space heater)
- Food, water, and shelter for pets
- Sand or kitty litter
- Shovel

If you must travel, make sure your gas tank is full and you have a survival kit in your vehicle. Tell your family and friends where you are going, the roads you plan on taking, and your expected time of arrival. If you become stranded on the road during a winter storm call for help. Do not try to walk to safety. Stay in your vehicle and attach a cloth to the antenna or window to indicate you need help. Turn on the dome light and flashers to make your vehicle more noticeable.

SAFETY TIPS & INFORMATION

City of Joliet Reminds Residents to Change Smoke Alarm and Carbon Monoxide Detector Batteries When You Turn Clocks "Forward" on March 11, 2018

CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS - CHANGE YOUR BATTERIES

The City of Joliet reminds residents that when they adjust their clocks due to Daylight Saving Time on Sunday, March 11, 2018, which begins at 2 a.m. to also change the batteries in their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Batteries in a smoke alarms should be changed at least twice a year.

The peak time for home fire fatalities is between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. when most families are asleep. Smoke alarm maintenance is a simple, effective way to reduce home fire deaths. A working smoke alarm can give your family the extra seconds you need to get out of a home fire safely. In addition, families should plan and practice their home fire escape plan, knowing "two ways out" and how they would assist children and those who may require assistance.



The following safety tips about smoke alarms could save lives:

- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home. For extra safety install smoke alarms both inside and outside any sleeping areas, especially if you sleep with your bedroom door closed.
- Keep smoke alarms clean. Dust can interfere with how your smoke alarm works. Regularly vacuum over your smoke alarm.
- The "chirping" noise you may hear could mean your battery is low. Replace the battery right away.
- Replace your smoke alarms about every 10 years. They do wear out, so write the purchase date with a marker on the back of your smoke alarm. That way you know when it should be replaced.

Fire Chief Joe Formhals states "Don't forget to make changing the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors a priority as Spring approaches. Your family's safety and health depend on it."

2018 Joliet City Council Meeting Schedule

Meetings of the Joliet City Council are held in the Council Chambers of the Joliet Municipal Building, 150 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, IL 60432. All meetings are open to the public.

PRE-COUNCIL MEETINGS 1st and 3rd Mondays at 5:30 p.m. except as noted*

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| • JANUARY 2* | • JULY 2 |
| • JANUARY 16* | • JULY 16 |
| • FEBRUARY 5 | • AUGUST 6 |
| • FEBRUARY 20* | • AUGUST 20 |
| • MARCH 5 | • SEPTEMBER 4 * |
| • MARCH 19 | • SEPTEMBER 17 |
| • APRIL 2 | • OCTOBER 1 |
| • APRIL 16 | • OCTOBER 15 |
| • APRIL 30 | • NOVEMBER 5 |
| • MAY 14 | • NOVEMBER 19 |
| • JUNE 4 | • DECEMBER 3 |
| • JUNE 18 | • DECEMBER 17 |

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. except as noted*

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| • JANUARY 2 | • JULY 3 |
| • JANUARY 16 | • JULY 17 |
| • FEBRUARY 6 | • AUGUST 7 |
| • FEBRUARY 20 | • AUGUST 21 |
| • MARCH 6 | • SEPTEMBER 4 |
| • MARCH 20 | • SEPTEMBER 18 |
| • APRIL 3 | • OCTOBER 2 |
| • APRIL 17 | • OCTOBER 16 |
| • MAY 1 | • NOVEMBER 5 * (Mon) |
| • MAY 15 | • NOVEMBER 20 |
| • JUNE 5 | • DECEMBER 4 |
| • JUNE 19 | • DECEMBER 18 |

The meeting on Monday, November 5, 2018 is a combined Pre-Council and Regular meeting and will be held at 5:30 p.m. Meetings on January 2, January 16, February 20, and September 4, 2018 are combined Pre-Council and Regular meetings and will be held at 6:30 p.m.

Meetings will be held in an accessible location. If you need a reasonable accommodation, please contact the City Clerk's Office.

Live, online streaming of Regular City Council and Pre-Council meetings is now available at www.cityofjoliet.info. Videos and agenda packets can be accessed by clicking on the link at the center of the home page for "Meetings and Agendas." The new page includes archived footage and interactive agendas available for the public to view at their convenience.

Get Your "Free" City of Joliet Citizen "GORequest" App Today

Did you know that the City of Joliet offers a free mobile device app that enables residents to easily report non-emergency concerns?

- Down street signs
- Street light outages
- Street potholes
- Trash/junk in yard/alleyway
- And many more neighborhood related concerns



To utilize this format simply use your devices QR reader... Scan your mobile device's appropriate QR code below, download, and start using this free app today. Residents can also download and start using this free app by searching for "GORequest" in their mobile device's app store. For more information please contact

the City Hall - Information Desk at (815) 724-4000.

Stay Connected with What's Happening in Joliet

Staying up to date with what's going on in our City is a perfect way to be involved. Check out these social media options that will help to keep you informed of what's going on.



FACEBOOK
- City of Joliet, Illinois Government
- Joliet Police Department
- Joliet Fire Department



TWITTER:
@TheCityofJoliet



everbridge

SMART MESSAGE
COMMUNITY ALERTS
Visit cityofjoliet.info/smartmessage to sign up.

AROUND TOWN

Annual Historic Preservation Award

The City of Joliet bestows an Annual Joliet Historic Preservation Award that recognizes properties that have undergone recent exterior and/or interior preservation, restoration, rehabilitation, adaptive use, or sympathetic additions as well as people who exhibit dedication to the field of historic preservation. Nominations for this award are due March 1, 2018. Nomination forms can be found on the City's Historic Preservation Commission website or can be picked up in the Community Development Department.

Designated Historic Properties

The City of Joliet boasts a rich diversity of architectural styles and building forms with over 2,000 buildings built before 1900 and 11,000 built before 1950! A small subset of these homes or structures have special recognition as "historic properties," meaning they have been listed on the National Register of Historic Places; designated as local historic landmarks; are located within a local historic district; and/or are located within a National Register Historic District. These designations celebrate the historic character of these properties and neighborhoods. In summary, these designated historic properties or areas include:

- 125 local historic landmarks located throughout the City.
- Three local historic districts in the Cathedral area (53 properties)
- Upper Bluff National Register District (352 buildings)
- East Side National Register District (257 buildings)
- One corridor on the National Register of Historic Places: Alternate Route 66 from Joliet to Wilmington
- Two national scenic byways: Lincoln Highway and Historic Route 66



Ten properties on the National Register of Historic Places:

1. Hiram Scutt Mansion
2. Rialto Square Theatre
3. Louis Joliet Hotel
4. Joliet Steel Works
5. Jacob Henry Mansion
6. Union Station
7. Joliet Township High School
8. Municipal Airport Hanger
9. Joliet YMCA
10. Joliet Post Office

To learn more about these properties, please visit the City's Historic Preservation Commission website at cityofjoliet.info/government/boards-commission/joliet-historic-preservation-commission.

If you are interested in learning more about the Joliet Historic Preservation Award, landmark designation for your home or local historic district designation for your neighborhood, please contact Jayne M. Armington, Secretary to the Joliet Historic Preservation Commission by phone at (815) 724-4052 or email jarmington@jolietcity.org.

2018 Waste Management Holiday Schedule

The City of Joliet has contracted with Waste Management to provide collection service for garbage, recyclables, and landscape waste throughout the City of Joliet on 5 different days of the week. On certain holidays, the collection service does not occur on the scheduled day, but collection service resumes on the following day. The Holiday Collection Schedule for 2018 is listed to the right. If you have any questions concerning the schedule or your pick-up day, please contact Waste Management at (815) 280-7854.

CUT ALONG DOTTED LINE AND POST ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR

Day	Date	Holiday	Schedule
Monday	January 1	New Years Day*	One Day Late All Week
Monday	January 15	Martin Luther King	No Change/Regular Schedule
Monday	February 19	President's Day	No Change/Regular Schedule
Friday	March 30	Good Friday	No Change/Regular Schedule
Monday	May 28	Memorial Day*	One Day Late All Week
Wednesday	July 4	Independence Day*	Wednesday-Friday One Day Late
Monday	September 3	Labor Day*	One Day Late All Week
Monday	October 8	Columbus Day	No Change/Regular Schedule
Monday	November 12	Veteran's Day	No Change/Regular Schedule
Thursday	November 22	Thanksgiving*	Thurs./Fri. Pickup 1 Day Late
Tuesday	December 25	Christmas*	One Day Late Tuesday - Friday
Tuesday	Jan. 1, 2019	New Year's Day*	One Day Late Tuesday - Friday

* The only holidays that will affect regularly scheduled pick up days in 2018.

Library Events

JOLIET
Public Library
Read · Explore · Ask · Discover

All programs are free to attend. For more information or to register visit jolietlibrary.org or call (815) 740-2660.

Ottawa Street Branch: 150 N. Ottawa St., Joliet • **Black Road Branch:** 3395 Black Rd., Joliet

January 4 » 2-4 p.m.

ROBOT EXPO

Black Road Branch
Children of all ages, no registration required
Drop in and tinker with a variety of robots for kids, tweens, and teens. Check out our 3D printer, STEM activities and more.

January 4 » 4:30-5:30 p.m.

PERLER PARTY

Ottawa Street Branch
Grades 5-7, no registration required
Use these classic melting beads to make something epic.

January 15 » 10 a.m.-

12 p.m. or 1:30-3:30 p.m.

CARDBOARD FORTRESS

Black Road Branch
Children of all ages, no registration required
Build the fortress, castle, or spaceship of your dreams. We provide the materials. You provide the imagination.

January 18 » 4:30-5:30 p.m.

VISION BOARDS

Black Road Branch
Grades 7-12, registration is open now
Start off the new year by creating a visual board of all your goals and dreams. We will supply the boards and magazines, but feel free to bring extra pictures to add as well.

January 18 » 6:30-8:30 p.m.

STAYING POSITIVE IN A NEGATIVE WORLD BY TOM KENS

Black Road Branch
Adults, registration is open now
Science shows that the average person thinks 60,000 thoughts per day with over 45,000 of those thoughts being negative. Why? CNN (Constantly Negative News) bombards us all day, every day. In this one of a kind program, learn the ten

fundamental practices to help maintain a positive attitude despite the odds.

January 22 » 4:30-5:30 p.m.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Black Road Branch
Grades 7-12, registration is open now
Test your trivia knowledge and see how you stack against other teens. This program will be using Kahoot, please bring phone if possible. Additional iPads and laptops will be available if needed.

January 24 » 4:30-5:30 p.m.

FOOD FIESTA

Black Road Branch
Grades K-3, registration opens Jan 8 and Feb 12
Come out and enjoy a story, activity or craft, plus food all centered around a culture. For January, we will learn about Mexico!

January 27 » 2-3 p.m.

Black Road Branch

February 7 » 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Ottawa Street Branch

HAWAIIAN LUAU

Children of all ages, registration opens January 11
Got cabin fever? Surf's up! Join us for an all-out beach bash! Enjoy Hawaiian themed music, dancing, crafts and games. (Costumes welcome, not required.)

January 27, February 24 » 1-2 p.m.

MAKE: FOOD

Ottawa Street Branch
Grades 3-5, registration opens Dec 4, Jan 15, Feb 12
Creator or consumer? How about both? Learn to follow a recipe, or create your own in our test "kitchen."

January 29 » 4:30-5:30 p.m.

SOCK SNOWMEN

Black Road Branch
Grades 5-7, registration opens Jan 15
Learn how to make adorable

snowmen out of socks.

February 3 » 2-3:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY VALENTINES FOR SOLDIERS

Ottawa Street Branch
All ages with adult, no registration required.
Make a valentine for your loved ones, and also one for a soldier! Those serving our country will be glad to see that we are thinking of them. All supplies provided.

February 11 » 2-3 p.m.

THE GREAT READ-IN THE BELLY OF THE BEAST: KING IN CHICAGO

Black Road Branch
All ages, no registration required
Before he reached the mountaintop, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. scaled many ranges on and of this Earth - and one of them was Chicago. Though his work radiated from the deep South, his light reached the Second City as he carried on the fight for justice and equality. Join historian Clarence Goodman as he retraces the path that Dr. King took through Chicago.

February 12-13 »

6:30-8:30 p.m.

INTRO TO PHOTOSHOP

Ottawa Street Branch
Adults, registration required
Patron should be familiar with basic computer use. Discover the power of Photoshop in this two part, hands-on class! Class will be held the same week.

February 16 »

10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

SENSORY PLAYTIME

Black Road Branch
Ages 0-3 with adult, no registration required
Bring your little ones to explore their senses by feeling, hearing, and touching their way through music, art, toys and messy play.

February 18 » 2-3:30 p.m.

BEYOND ANCESTRY

Ottawa Street Branch
Adults, registration is open now
Not all your research online can be conducted with Ancestry.com. There are many free and budget friendly resources which can assist you in conducting genealogy research on the web. This program presented by Genealogist and Librarian Debra Dudek, covers exciting and evolving websites from across the United States and parts of Europe. Sponsored by The Friends of The Joliet Public Library.

February 21 »

4:30-5:30 p.m.

WINTER TREATS

Black Road Branch
Grades 5-7, registration opens Feb 7
Learn how to make treats that are perfect for winter.

February 24 » 2-3 p.m.

TISSUE PAPER FLOWERS

Black Road Branch
Grades K-7 with adult, registration opens Jan 12
Learn to make simple, quick and inexpensive tissue paper flowers for gifts, party decorations or home décor.

Visit either library location or jolietlibrary.org for more information about "The Great Read"

Consumer Expo & Job Fair

February 23 & February 24 » 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

CONSUMER EXPO & JOB FAIR

Louis Joliet Mall, 3340 Mall Loop Drive

Free to the public

Attend the biggest consumer expo in the Joliet area to discover the vast array of services offered by local businesses. Seeking employment? Visit the job fair wing to meet employers looking to recruit new employees.

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Winter Events at Billie Limacher Bicentennial Park

Is winter weather giving you cabin fever? We have the cure. From live performances to film, we have something for everyone. Parking is free. Location: 201 West Jefferson Street. (815) 724-3761, www.bicentennialpark.org.

January 20 >> 7 p.m.

EMERGING PLAYWRIGHTS FESTIVAL

\$5 admission
Local students in eighth grade through twelfth grade present original short form plays. Students submitted their original 10 - 15 page scripts for submission to this festival. Chosen scripts are produced and performed one night only.

January 20 - February 24 >> 9 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
(Grades 1-5, \$60); 10:30 a.m. - 12:30

p.m. (Grades 6-12, \$65)

SATURDAY YOUTH DRAMA CLASS

Open to all levels of interest. First group learns creative dramatics with a fun skit at the end of the six Saturday workshop. Second group focuses on auditioning and character analysis. All play fun theatre games.

February 16 - 18 & 23 - 25 >> 8 p.m.
Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday
"CLYBOURNE PARK"
\$13 advance/ \$15 door
Latitude 41® presents this 2011 Pulitzer Prize winner and 2012 Tony

Award winner. Two outrageous acts occur in the same house fifty years apart. Strong language and adult situations make this for mature audiences only. Tickets (331) 725-2841

March 4 >> 2 p.m.

J-TOWN FILM FEST

\$5 admission
Presenting Joliet's own film festival featuring original works from independent film makers. All short films, it is open for high school age and beyond. Come and see the winning selections from six categories and vote for your favorite.

March 4 >> 6 p.m.

A NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

\$15 admission
Come watch your favorite movies win awards while you walk the red carpet, face the paparazzi, and much on delicious hors d'oeuvres. Test your

movie knowledge for a chance to win some fantastic prizes. Enjoy a signature drink from our bar. Dress for the stars and win!

March 15 - 17 >> 7 p.m. Thursday - Saturday, 2 p.m. Saturday

JCA SPRING MUSICAL "GREASE"

Cost: Contact Joliet Catholic Academy for more information
Come see these talented local teens in a full musical production. Tickets at JCA (815) 741-0500.

March 24 >> 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday LIGHT THE FIRE - WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Listen to women professionals in the fields of finance, media and politics. Interact and network with professionals in local and regional businesses during our cocktail hour. Lunch is provided.

Rialto Square Theatre Winter Activities

The Rialto Square Theatre is located at 102 N. Chicago St. in downtown Joliet. Opening in 1926, it was originally designed and operated as a vaudeville movie palace, but it now houses mainly musicals, plays, concerts, standup comedy, educational programs and more. For tickets and show information please go to rialtosquare.com or call Ticketmaster at (800) 745-3000. The Rialto box office hours are 12 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday and their phone number is (815) 726-6600 if you need more information. Please check rialtosquare.com for newly added shows.

January 12 >> 8 p.m.

DENNIS MILLER

Tickets: \$45 - \$94
After captivating audiences on "Saturday Night Live" from 1985 to 1991, he went on to earn five Emmy and three Writers Guild of America awards for his critically acclaimed talk show, "Dennis Miller Live."

January 13 >> 8 p.m.

REO SPEEDWAGON

Tickets: \$44.50 - \$92.50
(Additional Fees May Apply)

REO rode the top of the charts with a RIAA-certified 22 million albums sold in the U.S. and 40 million around the globe, with a string of gold and platinum records and international hit singles.

February 10 >> 8 p.m.

3 DOORS DOWN

ACOUSTIC BACK PORCH JAM
Tickets: \$33.50 to \$58.50. There are also VIP packages available at rialtosquare.com/event/3-doors-down-acoustic then click on Buy Tickets. 3 Doors Down has announced plans to stage the "Back Porch Jam" Tour, an acoustic interpretation of the band's hits, fan favorites and deep album cuts. Formed in 1995, Grammy Award®-nominated multiplatinum Mississippi rock band 3 Doors Down consistently captivates audiences worldwide.

March 5, 2018 >> 10 a.m.

MY HEART IN A SUITCASE - PRESENTED BY MIDLAND STATES BANK

Tickets: \$6 | Grades 4 - 8
To reserve tickets please call the Rialto box office at (815) 726-6600. ArtsPower's gripping and poignant production about Anne and her family's decision whether or not to send her on the Kindertransport is a tribute to the strength of the human spirit and the enduring power of a family's love.

March 31, 2018 >> 8 p.m.

BUDDY GUY

Tickets: \$48.50 to \$88.50
(Additional Fees May Apply)
At age 81, Buddy Guy is a Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee, a major influence on rock titans like Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton, and Stevie Ray Vaughan, a pioneer of Chicago's famed West Side sound, and a living link to the city's halcyon days of electric blues. Buddy Guy has received 7 GRAMMY Awards, a 2015 Lifetime Achievement GRAMMY Award, 37 Blues Music Awards, the Billboard Magazine Century Award for distinguished artistic achievement, a Kennedy Center Honor, and the Presidential National Medal of Arts. Rolling Stone Magazine ranked him #23 in its "100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time."

April 6 >> 8 p.m.

LEWIS BLACK - THE JOKES ON US TOUR

Tickets: \$43 to \$68.50
(Additional Fees May Apply)
Known as the king of the rant, LEWIS BLACK uses his trademark style of comedic yelling and animated finger-pointing to skewer anything and anyone that gets under his skin. His comedic brilliance lies in his ability to make people laugh at the absurdities of life, with topics that include current events, social media, politics and anything else that exposes the hypocrisy and madness he sees in the world.

Joliet Park District

Looking for something to do this winter, go to Joliet Park District website at jolietpark.org or call (815) 741-7275 to find out about classes that are being offered or ice skating hours. Want to start a new year's resolution, join the Inwood Athletic Club at 3000 W. Jefferson St. There are new offerings for 2018 on their website for children, adults, and special recreation.

JOLIET PARK DISTRICT PAVILION RENTALS

The Joliet Park District's park pavilions are available on a "first come, first serve" basis and may be reserved in advance for your event. Reservations may be made the first business day after January 1 for rentals taking place in the same calendar year. Park pavilion reservations may be secured at the Inwood Athletic Club front desk for Inwood Park, West Park, Nowell Park, Pilcher Park/Bird Haven Greenhouse and Inwood Gazebo. Rentals for the pavilion at Hartman Recreation Center may be scheduled at Hartman Recreation Center. Prices vary, and security deposits are required. For more information, call (815) 741-7275 ext. 100.